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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the acres/hectares of land notified/allotted/transferred for urbanisation, industrialisaton and infrastructure projects across the country and particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years;

(b) whether as per the NSSO report a number of farmers in the country do not like farming; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): While there is a shift in agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes, non-agricultural land is also being brought under agricultural uses. In the present system of reporting of land utilization in the country, the details of agricultural land put to non-agricultural uses e.g. urbanisation, industrialisation, infrastructure development etc. are not available separately. However, as per the latest report of Land Use Statistics for 2013-14, there has been marginal decline in the agricultural land and similar increase in the area put to non-agricultural uses across the country including Uttar Pradesh during the period of last five years. State wise details of agricultural land and area under non agricultural uses during the five year period ending 2013-14 are given at the Annexure.

(b) & (c): As per the Situational Assessment Survey of Farmers (NSS 59th Round, January-December, 2003), an estimated 27% of farmers did not like farming because it was not profitable. In all, 40% of the farmers felt that given a choice, they would take up some other career.